Yates Phillips attended the Austin Montessori early childhood (pre-school), elementary and adolescent (middle school) programs, and is now a teacher in the Austin Independent School District, at Campbell Elementary. After AMS, Yates attended the Austin Waldorf (High) School, then moved to France to be an Au Pair and study French at Université Catholique de Lyon. She later returned to Austin to earn a degree in Communication from St. Edward’s University, and worked as a sales/senior technology specialist at Lexus. But it was a summer teaching English in Porto Sant’elpidio, Italy that cemented her passion for education. She enrolled in Region 13, an alternative teaching certification program, and worked as an assistant at Austin Montessori School, before landing her current position teaching 4th grade at Campbell Elementary School.

Yates says that she is grateful to have been a part of the AMS community: “My primary through middle school education at AMS shaped me as a human being and as the passionate Title 1 public school teacher I am today.” Her brothers, Dalton and Lucas both attended AMS as well.

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